

FIVE COLLEGE LEARNING IN RETIREMENT  
COUNCIL MINUTES  
OCTOBER 8, 2015

Present: Sheila Klem (president), Betsy Loughran (Treasurer), Kathy Campbell (Asst. Treasurer), Zina Tillona, Jim Averill, Fran Volkmann, Tyll van Geel, Bobbie Reitt, Chuck Gillies, Liz Tiley, Sara Wright, Kay Klausewitz, Richard Szlosek(Secretary)  
Absent: Gordon Wyse, Ann Hartman, Jacob Greenburg, Dean Poli and Marybeth Bridegam

Meeting was called to order at 2:15 PM

The minutes of the September 10 Council meeting were approved.

A get well card on behalf of Ann Hartman was circulated among those present for their signatures.

The Council then turned its attention to how best to handle the question of creating an emeritus classification for LIR members who feel they no longer can give presentations in seminar but would still like to sit in. Sheila handed out copies of the mission statement and there was a sense that the moderators needed to play a significant role in this question. Tyll van Geel, who is co-chairman of the Curriculum Committee, said they have created a sub-committee of himself, Michael Brooks and Neil Novik, to further study the question and he will bring the text of a proposed statement of policy to the November meeting. At that point Council decided to take no further action on the question today.

Next up was a review of the work of the by-law review group whose members were Gordon Wyse, Kathy Campbell, Rich Szlosek, Bobbie Reitt, Ann Hartman and Jacob Greenburg. Bobbie Reitt acted as spokesperson for the group. There were five areas of concern mentioned and it was decided to discuss them one at a time.

The first discussion centered on **Article II Object** and focused on whether the word “requires” should be replaced by the short phrase “depends on”. There was much discussion on this subject. Zina Tillona made the following motion:

**We retain the word “require” in Article II.**

The motion was seconded by Kathy Campbell and passed unanimously.

While no vote was taken, the Council agreed that the half year Trial membership for new members should be part of the Operations Manual and not included in the Bylaws.

Discussion then moved on to **Article V, Section 8 Tenure**: A motion was made by Kathy Campbell:

**The Secretary, Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer may be elected for three consecutive one year terms.**

The motion was seconded by Tyll van Geel and was passed unanimously.

Next was a discussion on **Article VII Committees** as to the Finance Committee. Bobbie Reitt made the following motion:

**The Treasurer chairs the Finance Committee which shall also include the Assistant Treasurer, the Vice President, the past Treasurer and two other members.**

It was seconded by Kathy Campbell and passed unanimously.

The next block of time was then devoted to Treasurer Betsy Loughran. She reported that Larry Ambs and John Gaustad are new members on the Finance Committee this year. On behalf of the Committee, Betsy offered two motions:

**The Council approves the transfer of \$30,000 of the money received from the Campaign for the Future to our Endowment/Capital Account.**

**The Council approves the transfer of \$10,000 of our surplus in the 4010 account to our Endowment/Capital Account.**

Both motions were approved unanimously.

Betsy explained the difficulties of meshing the Five College Inc. fiscal year with that of LIR which really doesn't have a classical fiscal year. She urged committee chairs to spend their budgets and that 15-17 members were assisted with their dues last year. She pointed to the Balance Sheet which indicated that LIR's net worth as of June 30, 2015 was \$89,495.65.

Sheila then gave the President's report and said the Nomination Committee is complete and will be chaired by Fran Volkman along with Jake Greenburg, Ann Hartman, Arnold Friedman and Ruth Elkins.

Vice President Gordon Wyse had submitted a reminder to all committee chairs that a full listing of all members of the various committees was needed for the Spring Catalog at the November preview.

Tyll van Geel reported on behalf of the Curriculum Committee that they had received 17 proposals with an 18<sup>th</sup> expected soon. The committee has scheduled another meeting for October 22 to discuss new proposals and the sub-committee mentioned earlier in the minutes will continue to work on the language in the Moderators' Manual.

Chuck Gillies of the Development Committee said indicated gifts are at \$156,275 but that only \$44,766.27 has been received. The gifts qualifying for the \$70,000 matching funds

equal only \$12,150. He stressed that we need to find individuals who can donate leadership funds. 19 people attended the forum at the Lathrop Northampton meeting on October 7. There will be another such meeting for members on the east side of the river at Applewood on October 22.

Nancy Clune sent a report from the Membership Committee that 65 people had attended the annual picnic in September.

Office Manager, Liz Tiley, reported there are presently 272 members in LIR, 15 of whom are associates and 30 new members. Liz has a Smith student working in the office with her and so far it has worked out very well. Road Scholar has a new revenue sharing plan for groups that will return 5% to the organization if there is a minimum enrollment of 20 individuals. Liz and Joan Wofford will be attending the Celebration of National Lifelong Learning Day at Road Scholar headquarters in Boston on October 15. Liz also indicated that three seminars have been canceled.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:08.

Respectfully Submitted:

October 12, 2015

Richard W. Szlosek, Secretary